

Congressman Ben Cardin



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Dear <:firstname:>,

I believe it is important that I provide you with up-to-date information about what is happening in Washington and in the Third Congressional District in the most cost-effective manner possible. Today, I have sent you the second of my E-News Updates. In mid-June, you received my first E-News Update and some of you may have experienced some technical difficulties. I apologize for any difficulties you may have encountered and we are working to resolve the problems.

This E-News Update includes my 2004 Questionnaire. Every year I ask that you take a moment to respond to a comprehensive questionnaire, which helps me understand how you feel about important issues. I also have sent this questionnaire by mail, but this E-News Update will provide you with an opportunity to respond directly through the Internet.

This has been a difficult year for our nation. From the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to the War on Terrorism, Americans are united in ensuring that we are secure and protected. In addition to homeland security and increased military needs, there are many other critical issues facing our nation. Many of them include how best to improve our schools, clean up the Chesapeake Bay, strengthen Social Security and Medicare and protect U.S. manufacturing and trade.

I hope you will take a moment to fill out my 2004
Questionnaire by <u>clicking here</u> or on the link located on the side. Your answers to this questionnaire will be kept strictly confidential, but I will update you with the overall results in my next E-News Update.

Best wishes,



Benjamin L. Cardin Member of Congress

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TOWN HALL MEETINGS SCHEDULED

* Veterans Town Hall Meeting Monday, July 12 at 10 a.m. American Legion Dewey Lowman Post 109 1610 Sulphur Spring Rd., Halethorpe

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* Medicare Prescription Drug Town Hall Meeting Monday, July 12 at 1 p.m. Catherine O'Malley Senior Center 1275 Odenton Rd., Odenton



To Discuss The Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit

The Congressman shakes hands with a senior at the Pascal Senior Center in Glen Burnie. The Congressman frequently visits senior centers to talk about the new Medicare prescription drug benefit and how it will affect seniors. If your group or organization is interested in having the Congressman come speak about issues before Congress, please call my Baltimore Office at 410-433-8886 or my Annapolis office at 410-974-9703.

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Congressman Cardin recently criticized the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for using government funds to produce "fake" news broadcasts touting the new Medicare prescription drug benefit. The Government Accounting Office (GAO) has ruled that the government "was given no authority

to produce and disseminate unattributed news stories." For

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2004 Online Questionnaire

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Previous Survey Results

1) Should the federal government play a larger role in K-12th grade education?

Answer	Percent
Yes	46.30%
No	53.70%

further information about the GAO report, <u>click here</u>.

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